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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Honorable Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee in the application filed herewith, please amend
the claims as follows:

Claim 1 - rewrite as follows:

1. Amended) A lining for a furnace the lining having insulating material
attached to an inside wall of the furnace, the insulating material in use having a hot face
which faces inwardly of the furnace and a cold face at or adjacent the furnace wall,
[characterised] characterized in that a protective element is provided at least partially to
cover the hot and/or the cold face, the protective element being secured relative to the
face by a securing means which co-operates with a member which is embedded in the
insulating material.

Claim 5 - rewrite as follows: